

will build a railway from any point on the line of the Carolina Central Railway to the town of Salisbury.

SEC. 4. The board of directors of the penitentiary, on the application of the president of said company, shall furnish for labor on said road convicts not to exceed one hundred and fifty in number, to be under such guards, laws and regulations as provided for in other cases where convicts are furnished for public works in which the state has no interest. The said convicts shall be fed, clothed, guarded and cared for at the sole charge and expense of said company.

SEC. 5. This railroad shall have its *pro rata* of the convict labor: *Provided, however,* nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the reduction of the number of convicts employed on the Western North Carolina Railroad below the present working force.

SEC. 6. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 4th day of March, A. D. 1879.

CHAPTER 104.

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE RABUN GAP SHORT LINE RAILWAY TO USE FIFTY CONVICTS IN CONSTRUCTING THEIR ROAD FROM THE GEORGIA LINE THROUGH THE COUNTIES OF MACON AND SWAIN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

SECTION 1. That the authorities of the penitentiary, on the application of the boards of county commissioners of Macon and Swain counties or either of them, or the president or board of directors of the Rabun Gap Short Line Railway Company, are directed to furnish for labor of said road not less than fifty convicts, the said convicts to